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AUTOBIOGRAPHOBIA.

BY THE VICTIM.

BEING requeste by "ye editor" for a biographical sketch, and not daring to expose him to the wrath of his constituency, if he should venture to write the same, is my excuse for appearing in the role of an autobiographer.

Being born in the year 1870, I am 22 years of age, and thanks to the climate of Oregon, am in the best of health, with the prospects of continuing so.

I have always been of a collecting temperament, and have collected various and numerous things to the annoyance of my friends and dismay of my parents, and embracing, at various stages of my career, cats, dogs, tobacco tags, cigar box lids, picture cards, postmarks and culminating in stamps. But "every dog has his day" and so it was with my collections, which, one fter another, were discarded until only my stamps remained, and that I have clung to, through years of vascillation and wanderings, and I hope when the glorious old Gabriel blows his tin horn, he will find me still clinging to it.

My first recollection of stamps began when I was a youngster attending school at Creighton College, in Omaha. Seeing a fellow comrade with a few foreign stamps glued to a piece of wrapping paper, and which he was proudly exhibiting to his admiring friends, my collecting genius was aroused, and I had no rest until, by means of my entire stock of marbles and a top, I had succeeded in effecting an exchange whereby I became the proud possessor of the stamps.

My enthusiastic pursuit of friends and letter carriers in search of new treasures for my collection, soon aroused the ambition of my school fellows, and in a short time stamp collecting was the reigning craze at the college. The professors were delighted at the change and helped us with additions to our collections and in classifying our treasures. But after a time, the craze died out and nearly all laid aside and forgot their stamps, but your humble servant. With me it

was the other way. As fast as the boys tired of their stamps, I was ready to swap for them. In this way I gradually became the possessor of about fifty varieties and several hundred duplicates.

Up to this time I had never seen a stamp advertisement, nor heard of a stamp paper, and the dealer was an unknown animal to me.

One day I ran across an "ad" of a stamp firm in Chicago, and I straightway invested in a packet, etc., etc. Well you know the way of such things yourself, how a fellow keeps progressing from one thing to another, learns this, that and the other, and, in short, becomes a Philatelist. Mine was the usual route in such cases, sidetracked a few times, got off the right road more times and all that, but "all's well that ends well" and I still live to tell the tale.

I joined the A. P. A., in 1890, and have always stood by my first love, and have the pleasure of possessing Stock Certificate No. 22, being one of the first stockholders in the new society.

I am also a member of the Western Philatelic Union, and have the honor to be a member of the official board of trustees.

In 1891, I took Greeley's advice and came west, and one of my first actions was to become acquainted with the Portland Philatelists, and to join the Oregon Philatelic Society, now known as Branch 3. W. P. U.

I will draw the curtain, for the present at least, and close. But I have one favor to ask, and that is, if ever you should journey through the burg in which I exist, I want you to make it a point to let me know, or stop and hunt me up, and become acquainted. Will you? Very sincerely,

LEROY D. WALKER.

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Written for the FLORIDA PHILATELIST.

COMMENTS HERE AND THERE.

BY UNCLE PHIL.

Seebecks.—Those poor, despised Seebecks that everyone condemns as a universal pestilence to our common cause, are not much of a pestilence when you come down to facts. I happened along Stamptown (Nassau Street) and observed as I passed the show-cases of the dealers located on that street that most of them contained Seebecks, and very prominently displayed, too. It proves that they are the stamps to attract the attention of the passer-by and to convince the passer-by, after his attention has been attracted, that Philately is a very beautiful and interesting pastime. As a further instance you will notice that the $5.000 (?) advertisements of the Meekeel company had Seebeck borders, and very fine displays they made. And right here

I request all sensible Philatelists not to be calamity howlers. Philately will progress as much in time-to-come as it has in time-gone-by, Seebecks or no Seebecks. There are more young collectors who accord a space in their albums to the Seebecks than those who do not. Seebeck have brought as many recruits to the ranks during their short existence, proportionately, as other stamps. Seebecks are of as much value, historically and geographically, to the average collector than non-Seebecks. Then I repeat, don't be a calamity howler.

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The auction season is at its heighth, and scarcely a week passes now-a-days that we do not receive catalogues offering tempting Philatelic bits to those who have the spare cash to lavish on the beauties. While this is all very nice for the auction trade, I cannot help but notice on the cover page that "the stamps offered in this sale are the property of Mr., a prominent collector." And when I read this time and again, I cannot help thinking that "something is rotten in the State of Denmark." It either signifies that the collector has grown tired of his hobby, or that he is another recruit to the grand army of specialists. But when the stamps in the sale constitute a magnificent U. S. collection, and this is very often the case, I am rather inclined to believe that the former is the true hypothesis, as there are not many collectors who are willing to sell a collection of U. S. stamps to make room for foreigners.

But be this as it may, Philately will not suffer in consequence. If a Prominent Collector has abandoned his hobby and desires to sell his stamps, it is probably for the best that he does so. We want no pessimistic old-fogies in our ranks. They must make room for the young blood that will be a benefit instead of a hindrance to our cause.

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Alvah, since the amalgamation boom has "slumped away", much to my regret, I would suggest that in order to have the "Post Office" present a respectable appearance hereafter that you stir up another "agitation". The "Post Office" is still boozy from the result of the "late unpleasantness," in fact so boozy that it is time to quit. How does (Is our hobby rightly named?) suit you? This might be used as a starter, and after we have voted for "Philately" or "Timbrophily" it would be a fitting time to decide whether it is hobby, science, fancy, fad, pastime, pursuit, delight, or art. This is a good idea. I have other good ideas that I will disclose later on.

In the meantime I wish it to be

distinctly understood that

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"Uncle Phil" wishes a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all.

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I think as I sit in my study to night
How awfully nice it would be
If we writers would only have someting to write
That would not be a chestnut. See?
For everything seems to be old and stale
And subjects are 'way above par,
That have not been rehashed o'er and o'er again
As most subjects usually are.

Oh, give us a fraud, or a newly found "find"
That thousands of dollars won't buy!
Oh, give us some greater "society food"—
The kind we ate last July!
Oh, show us a rank C. to comment upon,
A paper without its review!
For if subjects are missing, I really don't see
How I can "pound" subjects. Do you?

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Written for the FLORIDA PHILATELIST.

A Hundred Years Ago.

BY GUY W. GREEN.

A hunred years ago, my child,
The nations of the earth
Had never seen a stamp machine
Not even its land of birth;
The people of that ancient time
Wrote seldom, for they knew
That, as we're told, its weight in gold
Scarce took a letter through.

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A hundred years ago, my child,
Ere stamps and cards were known,
'Twas sad indeed to sit and read
By candle light alone
The messege from a distant friend,
Remembering the while
Its costly trip by coach and ship
O'er many a weary mile.

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A hundred years ago, my child,
When Christmas came around,
And one and all the children small
With longing most profound
Awaited aged Santa Claus
And presents from his grist,
No Stamp, or sheet, nor sets complete
Were found upon the list.

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A hundred years ago, my child,
The boys, who grew to rule,
In youthful years inclined their ears
To teachings true at school;
But now that we have wiser grown
In this progressive age,
We learning take, our thirst to slake,
From printed album's page.

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A hundred years ago, my child,
The printer ope'd his hand
And scattered round with joy profound.
His wealth in ev'ry land;
But now he tears his matted hair
And dreams no more of bliss;
Instead, he tries to shield his eyes
From poetry like this.

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A hundred years ago, my child,
How soon the time has passed!
Yet some wil sigh, as days go by,
For cycles like the last.
But speaking for myself, I'll say
That present times will do,
And if you please, I'll take my ease
In Eigteen Ninety-two.

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What Shall we do with Our Shades.

BY WESTERN CRANK.

Many collectors who use a printed album do not know what to do with their different shades of stamps. A few words from one who thinks he has nicely solved this difficulty may not be amiss. In the first place, let me say that several shades of the same stamp placed together always spoil the appearance of the whole page. in as much as it gives all stamps so placed a dingy unpleasing look.

If you have never notice this,

glance over your set of War Department and if it consists of different shades I will venture to say it not only has a dull, dingy appearance but you have even thought in your own mind that this set makes the poorest apperance of any of the "Departments". Now, seperate the different shades and collect the whole set in one color only and if your stamps are clean (you are indeed a queer Philatilist if they are not), you will be as pleased and as proud of this set as you are of any of the others of like value. But, I started out to tell what to do with the different shades and came near saying, not to collect them at all. My plan, and I think you will acknowledge it a good one, is to hinge all shades on the same space and under the stamp whose color is called for by the album. If after giving this matter careful thought, any one has a reasonable objection to this plan, write to this paper and let us know it, perhaps we may help you in some more satisfactory way.

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NORTHWESTERN NOTES.

BY LITTLE PUCK.

Minneapolis Philatelic Society, by the way a branch of the Sons of Philatelia has become a State society and I like to see every philatelist who lives in this State to join.

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The Minneapolis evening papers gave the collectors in this city a great send off, on the evenings of November 23 and 24, by publishing one and two-column articles on Stamp Collecting in the interest of collectors in this city, which made every collector happy. It is very seldom you see a daily paper print anything about stamps, but this time the reporters who inserted it were Philatelist. To them we owe our thanks.

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Mr. Geo. W. Achard, the attorney of the Sons of Philatelia, was in the windy city a short time ago to see some of the collectors, but I think it was different—it is said it was on account of a dam-sel.

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Mr. N. E. Carter, it is said, is going to do what we shall all do, if we have not done it yet, follow Mr. Endstin's example and get one of Minneapolis' fair damsels soon. The same might be said of Barnes and Archard. We hope the cigars will come around.

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Mr. Chas. J. Tyren, I see in the latest official paper of the United Philitelic Association, has been re-elected librarian. Charlie is a good man for this office and I hope

will do his duty. I wish him and the U. P. A. success.

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Mr. W. C. Whitall, the secretary of the Minneapolis Philatelic Association, is working hard now, as reported, in school and out. I think, especially in the latter, as he is in the company of the other sex a great deal. I hope he will follow M. Endstin soon.

Philatelic Fortnightly, a new paper of this city, is now in press and will be issued soon. It is to be published every 1st and 15th of each month. It will contain eight pages and be one of the best Philatelic papers out. I wish it success and may it live a long life.

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I see by reports that we have about 600 collectors in this city. Well, boys, how is this? We have only ten members of Sons of Philatelist in our branch now, but I hope all of you will work hard and get in by the 1st of February, 1893, 10 or 15 new members. If you all do your duty we will.

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The following is the collection of different collectors in this city:

N. E. Carter 8,000, W. H. Barnes 4,000, Geo. W. Achard about 3,000, American of N. S. and Central; W. C. Whitall 7,000, but lately sold foreign which leaves about 3,500 Americans. Chas. J. Tyren lately sold his collection, but has commenced on another of only United States, Mexican and Canadian and has 1,500 kinds; W. H. Levings 5,000 different. and Endstin's collection contains about 3,000 kinds.

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Mr. Philip Heinberger.

PHILIP HEINBERGER.

Mr. Ph. Heinsberger, Jr., New York, was born in the year 1854. He is the youngest son of Ph. Heinsberger, of Bochum, (Prussia Germany.) dealer in fancy goods, glassware, toys.

He visited in his native city, the college, and got the privileged diploma," with the right to serve as a soldier, at own expense, "one year" only.

During college time he began to collect stamps, and in 1865, he also started as a dealer.

Some years later he went to Belgium, and became a pupil at the Commercial School, at the city

of Liege. After graduating he went to Paris, (France) and entered a mercantile export house, as correspondent in foreign languages.

After traveling over France, Italy and Holland, Mr. Heinsberger left Europe in 1871, for the city of Wilmington, N. C., and entered Ph. Heinsberger's book and stationery store. From Wilmington he traveled on the American continent, and at last settled in New York, in which city he joined the firm of Ph. Heinsberger, established, 1850.

In New York he again took up the stamp business as collector. He is also a corresponding member of the Philatelic societies of Europe, Argentine Republic, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Uruguay and Asia and founder and active member of the German American Philatelic Association Germania New York.

Mr. Ph. Heinsberger, Jr,. collection consists of 10,000 varieties of Postage Stamps and 2,500 varieties of Revenue stamps, of all countries. His Philatelic library comprises many hundred Philantelic publications of foreign countries and the United States in all languages.

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Mr. W. Sellschopp.

Mr. Sellschopp was born in Macklenburg, Germany, in 1862, and started in collecting as a school boy about 1873; from that time he has never sold his collection nor ceased collecting. He spends very little for his accumulation, which consists at present of about 12,000 varieties, including a splendid assortment of entire postal

WILLIAM SELLSCHOPP.

cards and the finest display of old German stamps and entire envelopes in this part of the country.

Shortly after having served one year in old Emperor William's Army, he started for the United States with the intention of acquiring some knowledge of the ways and doings of the Americans, which he thought would be useful for his further career in Germany; but after he was once here he became so infatuated with America that he did not care to return to

the old counrry for good.

Since February 4, 1891, he has been engaged in the stamp business exclusively, and at present, together with his partner, E. Gesvret, does the largest business west of St. Louis.

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Surcharging and Its Consequences.

BY LEWIS G. QUACKENBUSH.

There is no other question incidental to Philately, which has been so thoroughly discussed by stamp collectors, as the question whether or not surcharged stamps should be collected. This question, which has been a leading one during the past half dozen years, or so, has occupied more or less the attention of every thinking Philatelist on the globe; and most of those, who have any pretension to literary ability have treated the subject in the leading magazines of the day. In common with other Philatelic writers, I have given the subject some attention. Indeed, the first Philatelic article that I ever wrote, published when the mania for collecting surcharges was at its height, was a vigorous tirade against it, and in the many other articles which I have written since that time, I have always, in considering the subject, tried to emphasize the fact that I consider the collecting of surcharges injudicious and unwise.

Just what the standing of the surcharged stamp is to-day, it would be rather difficult to say. The dealers, with more unanimity than they display, concerning some other matters (probably because they are most of them caught with a large stock of surcharges on hand) are doing their utmost to sustain surcharge collecting. A surcharge stamp is regarded with suspicion by most collectors and a great many will not admit any surcharges at all to their collections.

While collectors are practically unanimous in believing surcharge collecting is injurious to Philatelic interests, there is a difference of opinion on the question whether a surcharged stamp is really a legitimate object of collection, i. e.—whether it comes within the province of Philately any more than the cancellation or postmark.

Before answering this question, it is unnecessary that we should determine for what end the surcharge was created and what its uses really are. A surcharge is a word, figure, or symbol printed or written upon the face of an adhesive stamp, for the purpose of altering its value, or for making it available for some other use than that for which it was originally intended. The altering of a stamp

from one value to another, by means of a surcharge is sometimes rendered necessary in the smaller countries and in various colonies and islands by the shortage of some one denomination. In cases of emergency, the surcharge has its legitimate use, and the postoffice officials of small countries find it very convenient and economical to occasionally change the denomination of some little-used stamp by a surcharge, to some value which is largely used by the people.

If the use of the surcharge had stopped here the question of its legitimacy would never have arisen. But since there are men everywhere eager to earn an honest penny in any way which presents itself, it is but little to be wondered that certain bright lights among the postoffice officials, in various countries where the surcharge was used, should have devised means of filling their own pockets at the expense of the stamp collector. The various ways in which they did this are too well known to need any detailed description. Suffice it to say that he who attempts to collect surcharged stamps, will have to cope with the greatest accumulation of speculative errors, freaks, and counterfeits that was ever beheld by the eye of man.

I believe that the surcharge, in its present state, is not a proper candidate for a place in our albums. No Philatelist can afford to fill his space with these doubtful specimens, and they should be strictly boycotted by all. For my part I never could see why a surcharge should add any value to a stamp as it merely defaces and mars its beauty.

After all, the lesson which we are to deduct from all this is the same old story, it is only an illustration of the same truth that I have believed in ever since I began to collect; that the true and best way of enjoying Philately to the utmost is by collecting *only one specimen stamp* and by disregarding altogether all kinds of minute varieties, whether they be surcharges or varieties of perforation, or shades of color, or difference of watermark. Perhaps this method is too simple and straightforward for the use of the Grand Moguls of Philately, but for the average Philatelist, whose time and money are both limited, it is the only right and satisfactory method of collecting.

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The Old Hair Trunk.

BY L. H. BENTON.

The Jagtown Philatelic Society was holding a meeting at the residence of the president, Joe Wettdorg.

It was during a lull in the exchanging, buying and selling just previous to the opening of the proceedings of the meeting when Joe said:

"Boys, did I ever tell you about the old hair trunk full of rare stamps I met with out at my uncle's in Peabrush Hollow?"

"No; never heard it," said they all;" but we would like very much to."

"All right, here goes," and he gave an "ahem!" which caused the three-cent rose stamp to turn pink with confusion,

"You see, it was this way. Last winter Uncle Hezekiah came out to visit, that is he and Aunt Jerusha.

"One evening I had my stamp album out and was hinging in some newly-acquired beauties when Uncle Hezzy noticed what I was doing and asked:

" 'What's them! Joey—stamps?'

" 'Yes, my collection of stamps from everywhere,' replied I.

" 'Why,' said he,' I've got dead loads of them things,—an ol' hair trunk chock full of 'em up in th' attic. You can have' em' if they're enny good ter ye.'

" 'You don't mean it, uncle!'

" 'Yas I do tew, Joey. Some come from my brother up in Vermont, up in Brattlebory.'

" 'Do you remember what kind of stamps were on those letters from Brattleboro'?' I interrupted, smothering my rising excitement.

" 'Yes; little oblong brown ones. Some chaps initials in the middle, —the post-master's I guess. An' then there was a lot of ten-cent envelopes from my cousin in Californy.'

"I had hard work to keep down my excitement.

"Uncle went home of a Saturday about a week later. The next Tuesday I went to his place in Peabrush Hollow. How impatient I was from the time he told me about the stamps till I arrived at my uncle's!

"That afternoon we went up into the attic. On the way uncle said:

" 'I havent been to it fer nigh on ter ten years!

"The trunk was opened' and what lay before my eyes went far ahead of my expectations, for the contents were all chewed as fine as chaff by the rats!"

Joe's listeners gave a groan, and the business of the meeting was opened.

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For the FLORIDA PHILATELIST.

Some Modest Requests.

BY ROY F. GREEN.

I've a correspondence very large,
From Oregon to Maine,
Some friends (?) live on the river Nile,
And others on the Seine,
Some write quite coarse and heavy
And some write small and fine,
They make a medley when they meet
In Lock Box No. 59.

My correspondence breathes of stamps,
And often I receive
Consignments large—assortment small,
Which makes me fret and grieve.
He sends a bill for £60,
When they're not worth even nine,
You can't imagine the queer requests
In Lock Box No. 59.

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The other day I got my mail,
Of letters full a dozen,
Some from Greece and some from Spain,
And some from English cousins.
One wanted a list of American frauds
(If I would be so kind),
And wants, requests, suggestions meet
In Lock Box No. 59.

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And papers large and papers small,
Hale, hearty, young and old,
With covers black and green and red
And inks of black and gold (?)
French, Spanish papers oft' drop in
Though I cannot read a line,
I draw them out and shut the door
Of Lock Box No. 59.

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We stamp fiends have some tough requests
From collectors far and near,
They've written asking me for
"Executives"!!! Oh, Dear!!
I'm looking now most any day
For a letter, very kind,
"Please send the earth by parcel post"—
In Lock Box No. 59.

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HOWARD'S STAMP CASE

BY GUY W. GREEN.

Author of 'The Strange Story of the Blue Book;" "My Temptation;" "Andy's Rare Stamp Discovery;" Vodoo Reed's Downfall," Etc.

RECAPITULATION.—Jack Howard, a detective, and Walter Benson, a handsome young banker, are firm friends residing in Omaha. Both are stamp collectors, particularly Walter Canfield, a wealthy alderman, loses, during a party at his house, a stamp worth $2,000, and he engages Howard to recover the property. Howard's first efforts are a failure. Meanwhile Walter prepares to get married and engages Jack as his best man.

CHAPTER V.

Jack Howard had received a letter. He sat in his room, with his feet propped up on the fender before the grate, and proceeded to read the epistle. It was from the police department of Montreal and referred to Jas. S. Galway, the individual for whom Cansfield's coachman had worked in the Canadian city.

This is what Jack read:

"MONTREAL, CANADA, Aug. 28, '91.
JACK HOWARD, OMAHA, NEB.,

Sir:—Referring to your communication of recent date, we would say that Jas. S. Galway is a wealthy and highly respected citizen of this province, against whom there has never been the slightest breath of suspicion. We unhesitatingly declare him honest and straight foward in every respect,

(Signed) "POLICE DEPARTMENT."

Jack slowly went over the letter aloud.

Then he knitted his brows and frowned at the handwrittrng as though it had committed some crime for which no punishment could be too condign. Howard punched the fire viciously and softly said to himself: "Galway is certainly all right' and what he says concerning the coachman may be relied upon. I will await his letter and see what he says concerning Williams."

At that moment there was a

knock at his door, and the postman dropped a letter within. It was from Montreal as the other had been, and Howard opened it with a sigh of satisfaction. Evidently he was anxious to see what Mr. Galway would say for his coachman. This is what was said:

"MONTREAL, CANADA, Aug. 29, 91.
JACK HOWARD, OMAHA, NEB.

Sir:—Replying to your letter of the 23 inst. I would answer your question as follows:

B. K. Williams was my coachman for a period of three months, and during that time he served me faithfully. I have no complaint to make against him. If he is dishonest, he certainly showed no evidence of that quality while in my employ. He spent very little money, and as his salary was good his wages must have gone to some outside party, as I am convinced that he took but a small amount of cash from this city. This is the only thing that is at all mysterious regarding Mr. Williams, and I always considered him an efficient servant. I remain

Yours to command,

JAMES S. GALWAY.

There was but one statement in the letter that troubled Jack. "He spent very little money, and as his salary was good his wages must have gone to some outside party, "as I am convinced that he took but a small amount of cash from this city."

What could that mean? No matter how Galway discovered the fact he must have been certain of it, or he would not have stated it in so positive a manner. But on whom could Williams spend money? Was there a woman connected with him somewhere? Such a thing was not impossible. But what woman could be connected with Williams? Almost involuntarily, Howard thought of Mrs. Beckley. He smiled at his own suspicions, but nevertheless they came back to him again and again.

Now that Jack's thoughts had been turned to Mrs. Beckley, he rapidly turned over in his mind her personality and mode of living. She lived as economically as possible. This was only natural, since she had repeatedly explained that her husband had left her but a small amount of property at his death, and that she was forced to conserve this carefully, in order to support herself during life. She spent much of her time visiting with friends, and, of course, this reduced her cost of living still further.

Supposing that Mrs. Beckley was connected with Williams and they had stolen the stamp between them; what use could they have for it? They could not sell it. Howard had taken every step nec-

essary to prevent that. The treasure would simply be a white elephant on their hands.

Jack thought all this out, and after he had considered the case again in all its bearings, he was about ready to give up the entire thing as a bad job. He would have done so, had it not been for one consideration. That consideration owed its existence to Mrs. Beckley. If he should dismiss this task Canfield had assigned him, he would have no possible excuse for seeing that beautiful creature who had been so largely in his thoughts of late.

Now, if a man can visit a woman in whom he is interested, it makes no difference to him whether his excuse for so doing is valid or not. He recognizes it. And so Howard decided to continue his efforts toward unravelling this strange stamp case of his. He resolved to see whether or not there was any understanding existing between Mrs. Beckley and Williams. That would be largely a bootless task, because, even if they were brother and sister, the mere fact would establish nothing against them.

Jack arose from his feet and put his letters away with other important documents. Then he prepared to go down town.

Once out on the street, he turned his steps toward the Stevens' where he felt he should find Mrs. Beckley.

It was late that afternoon before Howard appeared again. He then went over and saw Canfield, and described to him the progress of the case. Canfield philosophically accepted the inevitable, and bade Jack continue. Evidently the old man was not yet prepared to give up the gem of his collection without at least a struggle to regain it.

When Jack left the Canfield residence he felt decidedly cheered in spirit. Yet he said to himself, as he walked away, "I'd give up the infernal thing in a minute if it wasan't for —, well no matter if it wasn't for her I would; I swear I would."

When Jack reached his room again he found a note from Walter reminding him of his friend's approaching wedding. The event was only two days off. Jack was to be best man, and nothing had yet been done by him in way of preparation. He resolved to bestir himself immediately. In the meantime, his samp case, and everything else but Walter's nuptials passed out of his mind.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

FROM OHIO.

Ohio is one of the leading States, when Philately is taken into consideration.

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Three new stamp firms recently

organized in the Queen City, and Cleveland. They all have a large cash capital.

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A new one! Yes Ohio is to have a new society to be known as the "Ohio Philatelic Club." It will be a great benefit to all Ohio's stamp collectors and dealers, and everyone highly appreciate the work that has been done towards the organization. The society is going to be pushed rapidly, and we have the necessary support to make it one of the leading State origanizations of to-day. Ohio now has upwards of one thousand stamp collectors, and for her to be without a State organization is almost a disgrace, but we are not going to allow that! Quite a number of us have been working hard to secure this much-needed society, (not a single collector in the State should oppose it) and at last we feel that it is almost accomplished. It is to have an official organ of high standing, and one that is willing to work for the good of the organization. We will also have all the departments in it that are found in the National societies. Let every one take hold, and if you have any suggestion to offer write to O. E. Keapp, St. Paris, Ohio, who is acting as Secretery pro-tem, and it will gladly be accepted.

OHIOAN.

Written for the FLORIDA PHILATELIST.

GLEANINGS.

LEROY D. WALKER.

P. M. G. Wanamaker issued an order Dec, 8th reducing the fee for registering mail matter to eight cents. Good news for Philatelist, as it amouts to quite a little sum with a collector who is an active worshipper at the shrine of "fair Philatelia."

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This is probably the reason why a 12 cent value was not included in the Columbian issue, as it done away with the necessity of such a value.

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Suppose you have heard about the new values. It will take a "tidy wee bit" to purchase the new set. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 50 cents, $1, $2, $3, $5 and perhaps $10 are the new values.

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If your Philatelic library lacks a complete file of the Worcester Philatelist, you had better complete at once. Nos. 2 and 4 have been out of print for sometime and are very hard to obtain, even now. The paper is published by Mr. Walter L. Brown, and sent gratis, being a hobby (and a good one) of his.

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Are you collecting the shades of the current issue? You should do

so by all means, as they are easy to obtain and if you do not want them yourself, perhaps some of your friends would like them.

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We Philatelist, of the far Northwest, were pleased to learn that our genial Southern comrade, Gus Luhn, had purchased his partner's interest in the Southern S. and P. Co., and would henceforth "go it alone." With Gus Luhn at the helm as pilot, captain and crew, we doubt not that the bark "S. S. & P. Co." will meet with sucess on her voyage and be in the future, as in the past, a leader and not a follower, and as such he will ever keep a place in our thoughts and good wishes.

Perhaps I owe my readers an apology for the foregoing effervescency.

It is not the result of a seidlitz powder, but of reading the current Southern Philatelist.

Thanks, I knew you would forgive me.

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Written for the FLORIDA PHILATELIST.

Two Postage Stamps.

BY F. F. C.

Here is the strange history of two postage stamps, which I have in my collection: they are the 3-cent pink, of 1861, and on the reverse side of each stamp is the numbers, 13, 20, 54, 32. The history is as follows:

A lady and her dauhgter were nurses in the late civil war, on the Union side, and while attending the wounded soldiers came across one that had died during the night, and in his hand he held two letters, one proved to be from his wife and was signed, "Your affectionate wife, Mary." The other one was from his little daughter. One of the stamps he had torn off and had laid it on his breast. The other one was in the child's letter with the numbers on the back—for what reason we shall never know. The nurse's daughter took both stamps for no reason other than a token or relic. After the war was over the young lady took to traveling and went to fair New South Wales, and while there attended a social gathering at which she lost her pocketbook cantaining the stamps. After vain efforts, in trying to recover it, she gave it up for lost. Five years later, while on a vessel bound for France, she was listening to a story told by a sailor, in which he stated that he had a queer bottle with a queer load in its interior, which he had picked up, two years before, while on a bark in the Indian Ocean. On her request to be shown this bottle and its contents, he brought out a bottle, shaped like a cup and saucer, with a small round opening in the

top of the cup. Now judge of her surprise, when she found one of the stamps inside, and on her telling her story to the sailor, he thought he would make sure, so taking the other stamp from his pocket, he asked her what was written on the back, and on being told was satisfied. He would not give her the bottle as he wanted it to remember her and the queer incidents of the stamps by. This was her last voyage. She then settled down in Cleveland, Ohio, near my uncle's place, and they became good old friends, so much so that she gave him quite a number curios, collected while she was traveling from place to place—among them being the stamps and their strange history, and he left them and his other curios and stamps to me at his death.

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Government Reprints.

Collectors, and especially those who have just entered the ranks of Philately, are very liable to confound reprints with counterfeits, which is a very grave mistake.

While, as a matter of course, there are stamps, the reprints of which are very little short of counterfeits, being issued by dealers, who have bought the plates from the respective governments. From these plates the dealers print stamps to sell to young Philatelists, the dealers always keeping up to the demand, which on account of low prices is sometimes very large.

These stamps are known as original reprints, which is a name far too good for them to be designated by.

Then again there are re-issues, which are known as government reprints, being reprinted by the governments for postal uses, and not to fill a philatelic want. There are numerous cases of such stamps being worth more than the original issue.

Taking for example the United States issue of 1875. This series consists of the reprinted stamps of the issue of 1869, and is as a rule higher priced than the original (1869). The difference between the two sets is as follows: The issue of 1869 is accompanied by an embossment or grille, of which the series of 1875 is devoid.

As for the speculation reprints or those that are reprinted by dealers who are in possession of the original plates. We can take as a few examples, to-wit: some of the United States locals, a few issues of Mexico, also the Roman States.

Philatelist will have anothter series of United States government reprints to add to their collection in 1894, being a reissue of the present series, which is to be recalled on January 1, 1893, to give way to the Columbus series which in

their turn are to be discontinued and the plates destroyed, and are to be followed on January 1, 1894, by the aforesaid reprints.

A few words as to the Columbus series are not, I think, much out of place.

It is prognosticated by some of our prominent collectors, that this will be the finest series ever issued by the United States, if not by any country in the world. The two-cent stamp will probably have for its center the head of Christopher Columbus. The chief figure in one of the set, will be undoubtedly the convent of LaRabida where Columbus resided just before his departure from Spain on his voyage of discovery. Another scene which will contribute its part towards illustrating this artistic series (for artistic it will be without doubt) will be the landing of Columbus.

The shape of the stamps will, I believe, be in the form of a square, so as to give space for artistic effect. The plates are now in preparation by the American Bank Note Co., of New York, who have the contract for the printing of this handsome series, which I think is a sufficient guaranty for artistic merit and the best of workmanship.

J. F. COURTNEY.

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Subscribe for the FLORIDA if you want reliable Philatelic reading.

Editorials.

As our printers were late in printing our November number, and as they would be unable to print the December number, before this time this month, we decided that it would be best to combine the December and January numbers in this one grand number. Our February number will be out on time, with a goodly amount of choice reading matter, etc., including a portrait and biography of the well-known dealer, Mr. HENRY GRIMMEL, of 80 Nassau St., N. Y.

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M. S. H. ZAHM, an ex-Philatelist, of Lancaster, Pa., is spending the winter at Thonotosassa. Mr. Zahm is the owner of a large grove at this place.

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WE have received O. E. Klapp's coin price list, showing the prices he pays for "Rare U. S. Coins." Price only 5 cents each. See his "ad." elsewhere in this issue.

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DEALERS, an advertisement in this paper will surely pay you. Why not try it?

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WE are in receipt of Mr. Ph. Heinsberger's wholesale price list of stamps, printed in English, German, French and Spanish.

COLLECTORS, watch for the new advertisements in our next issue.

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COLLECTORS, notice that we are now allowing you a year's subscription to the "STAMP" and FLORIDA for only 30 cents.

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Sons of Philatelia, Notice.

Some of the Southern members of the Sons of Philetelia having decided to form a branch of that society, would be pleased to receive the co-operation of all Southern members. Any further information, or application blanks, will be cheerfully furnished by any one of the committee:

D. E. Hazen, Thonotosassa, Fla.; R. L. Henstis, 52 N. Commerce St., Mobile, Ala.; G. M. Scheller, Hamburg, S. C.

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For January FLORIDA PHILATELIST.

COMMENTS HERE AND THERE.

BY UNCLE PHIL.

Friends, Romans, Countrymen, What is a Popinjay? No answer! Well, if you haven't reached that chapter in the Philatelic book of nature, describing the Popinjay, I suppose that I must explain it to you in advance. The Popinjay, kind friends, is descended from the ass. It is the dealer who inserts the following notice after a list of parties have defrauded him:

"There are several others who owe us, and you may be one of them. We advise you to pay us promptly, or you may receive a free ad. next month. We are determined to put a stop to fraudulent practices, even if we have to resort to severe measures."

What a pleasant sensation it gives you to read words similar to the above. How you wish that you had that dealer near you, so that you could pummel him to your heart's content, for taking it for granted that you are a fraud. How many of such cases have you read? Yes, he is a full-fledged Popinjay.

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It is doubtful whether there will be a full crop of new papers this year. The youths, who are generally the publishers of these Vol. I, No. 1 journals, are content to leave their spare cash remain in their saving-banks, so that they may have a good time at the World's Fair. Speaking of stamp journals, reminds me that I have always adhered to the following policy: "Never subscribe to a Philatelic publication until it has secured second-class rates. It is an excellent policy, too. In nine cases out of ten, you will find that if papers collapse before obtaining rates, the subscription will never be filled, while if a well-established journal should cease publication,

the subscription list is filled by another journal. It is not often that your "uncle" is out a subscription upon the demise of a paper.

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It is amusing to read the brilliant articles of some of our brilliant authors in which they compare a stamp collector with a youth of different pursuasions. The former (in their minds) is a quiet sallow-faced youth, whose time (when he is not praying) is spent in poring over his album, or in other words, "studying his stamps," while the latter is generally a wild sort of a fellow, leading a life of sin. It is my opinion that a stamp collector is as robust and healthy a youth as the next one. If he is not, he had better sell his stamps and try to become one. Health, then stamps.

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Of all measly postal barbarities, the measliest is the new reply card. That's what I say.

The snow was falling fast
  At through the stampic realms there passed
A youth. He bore with steps so nice
  (Attend, as I won't say this twice)
A banner with strange device—

"Don't buy sets of unused Columbians with the hope of making a fortune on them when the issue is called in. This is sound advice.

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See our offer to subscribers in this issue.

Written for the FLORIDA PHILATELIST.

SPECIALISM.

"A subject never tires", so the advanced writer tells us. "Specialism never tires", as its adherents can write on this never-tiring subject, and try and convince the model Philatelist that specialism is the root of enrichment to his collection.

The next thing asked is, "What shall we specialize?" After a careful study and long thought on the subject, both in regards to a safe financial investment and completeness, embracing the smallest number of varieties, I have come to the conclusion that the stamps of the United States of America and British North America are what the specialist is looking for as a safe investment.

It is a well-known fact, by those who have possessed Scott's catalogue, year after year, can notice with ease the rapid advance in price every year of the stamps of the U. S. A. and British North America. The Philatelic writers speak of the rise with vim; the Philatelic papers take up the cry as never before; good authorities advise us. Then, why not comply while it is early, and you can do so advantageously, both regarding your pocketbook and your album.

Is not the action of old and wiser heads convincement enough to tell

you that to specialize is to be the future of your albums.

The smaller the limit of your specialism, the larger the variety. Stick to it and a good collection will be your present.

Another thing in specialism is, "Shall we collect everything within our limit?" I would advise you, after you had selected your specialty, to go to collecting adhesives of the general issue (used or unused), then, after completing this set start on stamped envelopes, then postal cards and end up with locals and revenues.

After you have collected your specialism from adhesives to the locals and revenues, reform your collection, and then watch out for your vacant spaces. In time, your speciality will show itself to you in a complete set of the stamps of the U. S. A. and British North America. CLEVE SCOTT.

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REVIEW.

The American Philatelist publishes a translation by Dr. Le Grand, of the "Philatelic Manuel" of L'Union Postel. This is a well written article. The writer defines stamps and the different uses to which they are put, and also gives his views on "specialism" and the different kind of stamps to be collected. "What is it?" remains to be solved. A very full chronicle, A. P. A. notes, Editorials and Review complete the last number of the 6th Volume.

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Under the heading "Prominent Stamp Collectors" the portraits of Chas. Broadwell Corwin and Henry Clotz, two of New York's prominent collectors occupy a conspicuous place in the Philatelic Journal of America. It is their intention to print in each successive number the portraits of other leading Philatelists, a pratice which we note with much satisfaction is becoming common among our leading papers. Crawford contributes a very interesting article on "Errors and Proofs" in which he mentions the mistake made by so many collectors in trying to discriminate between the two—a distinction without a difference. "The Stamps of Spain" and their counterfeits make profitable reading. Considerable information relating to counterfeits, reprints, etc., may be gleaned from "Notes and Clippings." We look forward with great pleasure to the coming of this magazine, which is one of our best.

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The Philatelic public is tired of dreaming and yet another story on that order appears on the initial page of one of our leading journals—the Philatelic Era. "How I Won and Lost a Bratteboro,"

although above the average is nevertheless rather monotonous, and would have been more in season several months ago. In a few words "Eunoniam" demonstrates the advantages of "Stamp Collecting" and estimates the number of Philatelists in the United States at 800,000. This estimate we think rather excessive. 500,000 would be nearer the mark. "Opportunities" by W. J. Calder shows the writer's faith in the future of Canadian stamps in general and of the Connell in particular. On the other hand, if we would believe Mr Small that stamp is " a most fishy, common rarity and not worthy of a place in a collection." By the way, Mr Small seems to have averaged all past praises by his severe criticisms this month. New York, Canadian and London notes complete this number which is not up to its usual standard.

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Filatelic Facts and Fallacies presents us with a very accurate description of the "Stamps of Corea" that will prevent any further discussion on that subject. A newsy and original department entitled "Philatelic Flakes" supplies some useful and agreeable hints culled from the different magazines. Under "Philatelic Literature" mention is made of a few of the many errors in Scotts' 53rd, We do not underestimate the amount of study which was necessary to produce this catalogue, but think that 40 cents would have been ample price. Two and a half pages are creditably filled by "Our Contemporaries."

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So far as reading matter is concerned the "Post Office" seems to be steadily on the decline, owing doubtless to the defeat of the editor's pet scheme of amalgamation. "The Boston Post Office," A praise Chorus" by Guy W. Green, the chronicle and a description of the Columbian stamps with a few notes concerning them complete this issue.

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The Pentucket Philatelist consists of seven pages of entertaining information and we are sorry to note its demise and consolidation with the Collectors' Press.

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Without a doubt the American Philatelist and Collector is the most inferior paper we have received. "A rush in our printing department" accounts for its poor appearance.

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McKeel's Weekly Stamp News contributes three pages of excellent reading matter, noticable among which is a short study of Dr. Frederick N. Palmer, the originator of the famous Brattleboro.

There is no decrease in the merit of the Nebraska Stamp and if it continues to provide the public with such agreeable reading it will undoubtedly acquire the prosperity it so richly merits. "My Canada Cousin" by Roy F. Green improves with each sucessive chapter and promises to be one of the best serials yet published in any of our contemporaries. An interesting article on "Our Philatelic Poets" is furnished by Lewis G. Quackenbush, while Roy F. Green supplies some very instructive reading under the title "Is the Surcharge a Legitimate Stamp?"

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The Yankee Philatelist consists of various short stories, but devotes most of its space to the nominations and notes of the S. C. U.

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The International Philatelist, a new one from Toronto, Canada, gives quite a flourishing account of the Toronto Philatelic Club, a short review, "Wise and Otherwise," Births, Marriages, etc.

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A very interesting article on "Uncle Sam's Postage Stamps" by W. H. Barnes is the leading article in the Pennsylvania Philatelist which also contains a clever reminiscence by Lewis G. Quackenbush, while Philately—its uses, its attractions, its effects—is neatly handled by J. Bernstein, jr. "Philatelic Aphorism," rather bitter "Pokes", Canadian and Western Notes complete a very good number.

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A fit subject for second-class rates is the "New Jersey Philatelist." It consists of four pages, three and a half of which are advertisements. Uncle Sam must be very negligent to allow this thing to continue, and we sincerely hope his attention will be called to it at an early date.

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"The Chicago Stamp News" presents its readers with a portrait and brief biography of A. P. Hosmer, Secretary of the W.P.U. and one of Chicago's leading Philatelists. Some useful information may be had from the hints to beginners.

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Taking into consideration the limited character of its contents "The Postal Card" ranks among our foremost publications. The opinions of the P. C. S. members on the new domestic reply card are published in the last number.

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"The Philatelic Argosy" gives a description of the "Stamp of Thrift" in connection with the charity organization of Buffalo, an institution very similar to one in

Philadelphia, which has met with marked success. "Wanted" is a good hit at the Philatelists of the period. "Uncle Sam" might have been advantageously omitted. Choice material occupied seven other pages. This paper has changed hands and we are inclined to think the change one for the better.

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"One Dime," which presents a very poor typographical appearance, would also be benefited by a change. "A Rare Philatelic Find" by Cleve Scott starts off well. The rest is occupied by notes of interest to the "Hoosiers," "Philatelic Pen Pushing" and a very poor poem, by Mixon, the absence of which would have improved the sheet greatly. R. L. H.

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Special to the FLORIDA PHILATELIST.

German-American Philatelic Association.

FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION AT NEW YORK CITY, JANUARY 15, 1893.

Mr. Ph. Heinsberger, the honorary president and founder of "Germania", said:

"BROTHER PHILATELISTS:—I am much pleased to see before me, members from Canada and Mexico, members of our own country, from the Atlantic and from the Pacific coast. In the name of 'Germania' whose fourth birthday we celebrate to-day, I welcome you in this hall and tender the outside members the hospitality of the association."

Then came the following address of President Frank Heinsberger:

"MR. CHAIRMAN AND BROTHER PHILATELISTS:—In reviewing the record of "Germania" from January, 1892, to January, 1893, I am glad to announce to you that our association has gained considerably, in regard to active members, in all countries on earth, as with acquaintances with U. S. and foreign Philatelic societies. We have now 552 active members in this and foreign countries, and thirty corresponding members (foreign only). We have received donations from the city of Luxemburg, Europe, and from the firm of Ph. Heinsberger, N. Y. The list of official journals has increased to ten (America and Europe), and most of them have regularly published the minutes of our meetings. Honorably, I mention the "Philatelic Weekly News, of St. Louis, Mo.; "The Monthly Visitor", Haverhill, Mass.; "The Golden Star", Taunton, Mass.; the New York Zeitung, New York Recorder, New York Daily News, New York Tribune, and, in Europe, Philatelisten Zeitung, Internationales Briefmarken Journal, Schweidnitz, Germany; Fortuna, Odenburg, Hungary; Philatelistischer, Boersen Courrier, Hein, Austria, L Collectioneer du Timbre Poste, Luxemburg.

"Notices about 'Germania' doings have appeared in Philatelic Era, Boston, Mass.; in the Philatelic Fraud Reporter, Strambsburg, Neb. Special thanks is due to the editor of the FLORIDA PHILATELIST, whose paper has published on the

title page the name of 'Germania' as official organ. I thank our foreign members for their activity in sending us newly issued postage and revenue stamps of their countries. I also thank our New York members for their zeal and kindness in making our meetings sociable, and especially those gentlemen who enlightened our younger members on Philatelic matters by their lectures.

"In the month of October, 1892, 'Germania', at the requestof many American and European members, has opened a Numismatic and Curio Annex, and the membership of this department has increasd to forty-five (America and Europe). The doings of this department has been published in numismatical, mineralogical, naturalists, entomologists, oalogist and ornithologist papers, in the United States and Europe. Honorably, I mention "Dos Naturalien Cabinet, of Gruenberg, Germany, and Miscelleanea Entomological, Montelimar, France; the American Magazine of Natural Science, the California Traveler and Naturalist, and further our curio official organs.

"The financial state of our association is a good one, according to the report of our treasurer, Mr. H. Hermann. The annual dues have been reduced to $1, or 5s., or 6f., for all active members of 'Germania'. In conclusion, I may say yet a few words to the officers of this association.

Gentlemen, you have done much more than your official duty, during your term (1892) of office, you have added much to the welfare and prosperity of our associatoin, and in the name of all its members I thank you for your good work."

Hereupon, the librarian, Mr. Frank Phillips, read his report, which shows that the library of Germania has considerably increased during 1892, in Philatelic papers and books and difierent curio publications.

A committee of five members was appointed by the chair to get up a slate for the 1893 officers, and the polls were open from 11 a. m. to 1:30 p. m. The convention adjourned to afternoon session at 12 noon.

REOPENING AT 2 P. M.

Recording Secretary M. A Schumacher announced the result of the polling, and the following officers were elected.

President—Mr. Frank Heinsberger, re-elected.

Recording Secretary — M. A Schumacher, re-elected.

Treasurer—M. H. Hermann, re-elected.

Librarian and International Secretary—Mr. Frank Phillips, re-elected.

The following members were elected Trustees (Mitglidier des executive committee) upon recommendation of the chairman, by acclamation: D. E. Hazen, Thonotosassa, Fla.; Emil J. Rall, Savannah, Ga.; Cleve Scott, Central City, Neb. All officers to serve for the full year 1893.

The newly elected officers, all of

whom were present, except the trustees, accepted their offices and thanked the members for their confidence. Later, some Philatelic treasurers were shown and social speeches made by the members (Gemuethliche Plauderia). At the close of the convention, the chairman and honorary president, Mr. Ph. Heinsberger, jr., invited all members present to a supper, and at 4 p. m., the Fourth Annual Convention of the German-American Philatelic Association of New York City adjourned sine die, until January, 1894. In the evening, at 8 o'clock, the gentlemen, atending the convention, sat down to a supper, and some pleasant hours were spent in wining, dinning and merrymaking, according to German custom.

On January 16th, the outside members were shown through the city—most of them seeing the metropolis for the first time. They also drank German lager beer and tested frankfurts (not bologna) sausages and German sauerkraut, and last, but not least, these strangers did see the "elephant".

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Moderation in Specializing.

Moderation is a good thing however applied. In stamp collecting moderation was lacking when stamp collectors collected everything in sight, in fact, there seemed to be no limit to their desires. They collected postage, U. S. and foreign revenue, beer and tobacco licenses and almost every label that had any resemblance to a stamp. But the reaction came and as a consequence a number of collectors stopped collecting revenues and narrowed there sphere until they had but one country or one limited class, so limited, in fact, that the time soon came when they could no longer get specimens for their particular branch, and as it is the acquisition, or the prospects of acquisition, of stamps that keeps up the interest, therefore collectors take warning and do not make the confines of your specialty too small.

The postage stamp of the United States alone ceases to be interesting after a certain point is reached although they are interesting enough in a general collection in connection with their foreign neighbors. If you would be a specialist do not be narrow but make a specialty of a field large enough to be interesting for all time.

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Philatelists I Have Met.

BY TUDOR.

NO. 1.—MR. WM. H. EMMERT

Mr. Wm. H. Emmert is, as you all know, the exchange superintendent of the Sons of Philatelia. He is also a native of New Oxford,

Pa. It has been said by those who wish to be cruel that the remainder of the population of that borough consists of Mr. Emmert's moustache and a red cow, but this is incorrect, as I have it from Mr. Emmert, himself, that he does not possess a red cow. They also say Mr Emmert's good looks and prepossessing appearance create a most favorable impression on all who are so fortunate as to pass him on the street at night when the electricity, in the power station, has run aground, and the lights do not shed their accustomed brilliancy, but we can also vouch for the inaccuracy of that statement, as we have met Mr. Emmert and, besides that, there are no electric lights in New Oxford. The gentleman, who is commanding our attention, makes frequent pilgrimages to Gettysburg, a town composed of hotels, bootblacks and a battlefield, where he is well and favorably known to all classes. The well-to-do hotel proprietor and the fifteen-cents-a-shine bootblack, those monarchs of all they survey, do not refuse a smile in return for that given by the whole-souled Emmert, and, indeed, it is for this reason that Mr. Emmert was so unanimously re-elected to his office in the S. of P. exchange department is a "soft snap," but I think differently. Mr. Emmert's department keeps him hus'lin', and the only pay he receives is a "Thank you." As long as Mr. Emmert is in the land of the living, so long will there be a magnificent exchange department in the Sons of Philatelia.

Long live Mr. Emmert!

P.S. Wouldn't I like to have the first "go" at those exchange sheets?

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The Stamp Collectors' Union is now one of the largest Philatelic societies in America, and if its present growth continues will soon be the largest in the world. It has among its members some of the best known Philatelist in America. The initiation fee and dues for one year are only 35 cents.

The benefits we give members are as large as those of any society. Through her Exchange, Auction and Collecting bureaus, her members have excellent facilities for exchanging, selling and collecting.

Library free to members, containing hundreds of valuable Philatelic magazines and books. All these departments are run by competent Philatelists.

For application blanks, address C. F. Williams, 18 Pinkney St., Boston, Mass.

TO EVERY COLLECTOR
Answering this advertisement we will give 3 unused stamps free.
Mention the Florida Philatelist.
CROWELL & HILL,
211 No. Water st. Decatur, Ill.

EXCHANGE NOTICES.

Free to subscribers. Limit 25 words, over 25 words ¼ cent a word.

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Three Philatelic papers for each P. J. of America (Nos. 1 to 36) sent me. Send list to J. M Chappell, Macon, Miss.

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